

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Kazuo Okamura et al.

Docket No.: 100725-00047

Serial Number: 09/921,602

Group Art Unit: 3726

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For: HYDRODYNAMIC TYPE POROUS OIL-IMPREGNATED BEARING

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: November 19, 2002

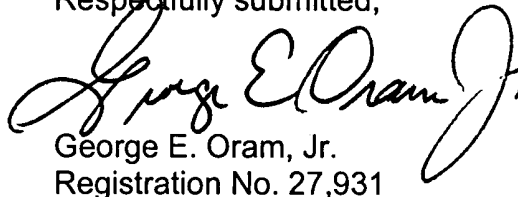
Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed October 22, 2002, the Applicants hereby elect Group I, directed to claims 17-22 and 28-36, without traverse. The Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

In view of the Applicants' above election, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement has been satisfied. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of elected claims 17-22 and 28-36 on the merits.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,


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